GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DELAY IN SUPPLY OF LPG CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the inordinate delay on the part of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) agencies in replenishing cylinders to the customers :

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the remedial action contemplated by the Government in this regard ;

(d) whether the Government has issued instructions to the Gas Agencies not to register the demand for supply of Cylinders from the customers if such fresh demand emanates within 20 days of the last supply ;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the period upto which it would be in force ;

(f) whether the Government has any effective plan to ensure uninterrupted supply of LPG cylinders in future ; and(g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) : While Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are making all efforts to meet the genuine demand of the customers registered with the LPG distributors, they have reported some cases of delay in supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) refill cylinders by their LPG distributors. Action against the erring distributors is taken in accordance with the provisions under the LPG Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).

(d) to (g) : The Government have not issued any instruction to the OMCs for not issuing LPG cylinders before the expiry of 20 days of the last supply. LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs as per the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.